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The Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the application are aware of the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form.

The present statement reflects the direct knowledge of the undersigned and information disclosed to the undersigned by the Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the present application pursuant to their duty under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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